

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 12/12/2007.
2. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended.
3. Claims 2-10 and 13 have been cancelled.
4. Claims 1 and 11-12 are pending for consideration.

Terminal Disclaimer

5. The terminal disclaimer filed on 12/12/2007 has been reviewed and is accepted.
The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, filed on 12/12/2007, with respect to 1 and 11-12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of 06/29/2007 has been withdrawn.
7. The nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner agrees with the Applicant's argument on pages 5-6 of the Remarks, that neither reference discloses providing session protection for user privacy over a network, by means including at least a client and a remote server, wherein a

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user, using a client application, may submit a request through said client for a specified action to be performed in response to said request by said remote server, said user-submitted request comprising identity information that identifies the user making the request, and action information that specifies the action requested from said remote server by said user, wherein said communications are provided in a secure and anonymous manner in that said action information is submitted to said remote server without revealing said identity information to said remote server, and in that only said client, and not any facility through which said action information or any response thereto passes in the course of being submitted to or received from said remote server, possesses both said identity information and said action information, said system comprising (in addition to said client and remote server): (a) separating, within said client application, said identity information and said action information from the user's information request, encrypting said action information, and sending said identity information and said action information as so encrypted to an identity server; (b) transmitting said encrypted action information from said identity server to an action server; (c) decrypting, within said action server, said action information, transmitting said decrypted action information to said remote server, receiving the remote server's response, encrypting said remote server response, and transmitting said encrypted remote server response to said identity server; (d) receiving, within said identity server said encrypted remote server response from said action server, associating said encrypted remote server response with said identity information and sending said encrypted remote server response to said client application; and (e) decrypting, within

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said client application, said remote server response and forwarding said decrypted remote server response to said client for presentation to said user. Therefore, claims 1 and 11-12 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRANG DOAN whose telephone number is (571)272-0740. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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